

AF B731

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

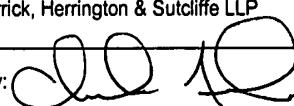
		Application Number	09/664,970
		Filing Date	September 18, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Rourke, et al.
		Group Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Ho, Uyen T.
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	8	Attorney Docket Number	702563.46

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

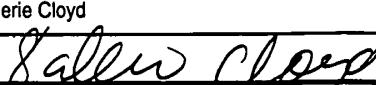
RECEIVED
MAY 12 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP		
Signature	By: 	Charles C. Fowler, Reg. No. 39,675	
Date	May 6, 2003		

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on this date: May 6, 2003

Typed or printed name	Valerie Cloyd		
Signature		Date	May 6, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



5/13
D3
H14
Patent

Orrick Dkt. No. 702563.16
(Former Dkt. 249/056)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3731
)
 ROURKE, Jonathan M., et al.) Examiner: Ho, Uyen T.
)
 Serial No.: 09/664,970)
)
 Filed: September 18, 2000)
)
 For: APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING)
 ENDOLUMINAL PROSTHESES AND)
 METHODS OF MAKING AND USING)
 THEM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED
MAY 12 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

The following remarks are presented in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2003. These remarks are intended to request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, to request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action, or, alternatively, to clarify the grounds for appeal, if necessary.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
(37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, Mail Stop AF.

May 6, 2003

Date of Deposit

Valerie Cloyd

Valerie Cloyd